<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

The pending unamended are reproduced below:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-implemented project management system, said system comprising:

technology infrastructure means for receiving, storing, and exchanging information; and

function management means, coupled to said technology infrastructure means, for managing at least one of a plurality of project functions utilizing information stored in said technology infrastructure means, said plurality of project functions comprising means for collaborating on bids between owners, architects, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers, where said means for collaborating comprises:

means for preparing bid documents by architects and owners;

means for evaluating and re-packaging said bid documents into bid packages by general contractors;

means for distributing said bid packages to subcontractors by said general contractors;

means for performing quantity take-offs and soliciting request for quotes from suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers by said subcontractors;

means for preparing bids by said suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers and for submitting said bids to said subcontractors;

means for evaluating request for quotes and compiling bids by said subcontractors for submitting to said general contractors;

means for evaluating bids received from said subcontractors and for compiling totals into a base bid by said general contractors;

means for submitting said base bid by said general contractors to said owners and architects;

means for awarding contracts to general contractors by said owners and architects; and

means for further awarding contracts to said subcontractors by said general contractors.

2. (ORIGINAL) A project management system as described in Claim 1 wherein said management system is facilitated by e-commerce.

3-16. (CANCELED)

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17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-implemented method for managing projects, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving, storing and exchanging information; and

managing a plurality of project functions utilizing said information, said plurality of project functions provided for collaborating on bids between owners, architects, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers, where said collaborating comprises:

preparing bid documents by architects and owners;

evaluating and re-packaging said bid documents into bid packages by general contractors;

distributing said bid packages to subcontractors by said general contractors;

performing quantity take-offs and soliciting request for quotes from suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers by said subcontractors;

preparing bids by said suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers and for submitting said bids to said subcontractors;

evaluating request for quotes and compiling bids by said subcontractors for submitting to said general contractors;

evaluating bids received from said subcontractors and for compiling totals into a base bid by said general contractors; and

submitting said base bid by said general contractors to said owners and architects;

awarding contracts to general contractors by said owners and architects; and

further awarding contracts to said subcontractors by said general contractors.

18. (ORIGINAL) A method as described in Claim 17 wherein said method is facilitated by utilizing e-commerce.

19-20. (CANCELED)

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-implemented bidding system for the real estate, development, building and construction industries, said system comprising:

means for preparing bid documents by architects and owners;

means for evaluating and re-packaging said bid documents into bid packages by general contractors;

means for distributing said bid packages to subcontractors by said general contractors;

means for performing quantity take-offs and soliciting request for quotes from suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers by said subcontractors;

means for preparing bids by said suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers and for submitting said bids to said subcontractors;

means for evaluating request for quotes and compiling bids by said subcontractors for submitting to said general contractors;

means for evaluating bids received from said subcontractors and for compiling totals into a base bid by said general contractors; and

means for submitting said base bid by said general contractors to said owners and architects.

22. (ORIGINAL) A bidding system as described in Claim 21 wherein said system is facilitated by e-commerce.

23. (ORIGINAL) A bidding system as described in Claim 21 wherein said system further comprises:

means for awarding contracts to general contractors by said owners and architects; and

means for further awarding contracts to said subcontractors by said general contractors.

24. (CANCELED)

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-implemented method for bidding real estate and construction development projects, said method comprising the steps of:

preparing bid documents by architects and owners;

evaluating and re-packaging said bid documents into bid packages by general contractors;

distributing said bid packages to subcontractors by said general contractors;

performing quantity take-offs and soliciting request for quotes from suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers by said subcontractors;

preparing bids by said suppliers, wholesalers and building product manufacturers and for submitting said bids to said subcontractors;

evaluating request for quotes and compiling bids by said subcontractors for submitting to said general contractors;

evaluating bids received from said subcontractors and for compiling totals into a base bid by said general contractors; and

submitting said base bid by said general contractors to said owners and architects.

26. (ORIGINAL) A method as described in Claim 25 wherein said method is facilitated by utilizing e-commerce.

27. (ORIGINAL) A method as described in Claim 25 wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

awarding contracts to general contractors by said owners and architects; and

further awarding contracts to said subcontractors by said general contractors.

28-34. (CANCELED)